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SUBJECT: VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY CONDOLENCE LETTER FROM  
MINISTER WIRAJUDA

11. (SBU) On the margins of a dinner late April 18 in honor of the participants of the Indonesia/United States Strategic Dialogue, we received the following letter from Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda to the Secretary:

Begin Text:

Dear Secretary Rice,

I join a shocked world in grieving over the tragedy that befell a large number of students, including one Ph.D. student from Indonesia, at the Virginia Tech University on Monday 16 April 2007.

This enormous loss of lives becomes even grievous when you consider what the deceased victims could have done for their respective communities had they lived to apply the learning they had acquired from the University.

At this time of sorrow, I wish to convey, on behalf of the Government and people of Indonesia, our deepest sympathy and condolences to you and the Government and people of the United States of America, especially the bereaved families who lost their loved ones in this appalling tragedy.

We are praying that they will soon recover from the impact of this great misfortune.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem.

Dr. N. Hassan Wirajuda

Her Excellency  
Dr. Condoleezza Rice  
Secretary of State

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End Note

12. (SBU) The Embassy will pouch the original letter and accompanying Diplomatic Note to EAP/MTS..

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